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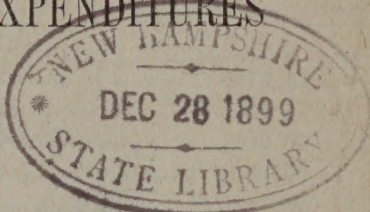
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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE



TOWN OF DEERING,

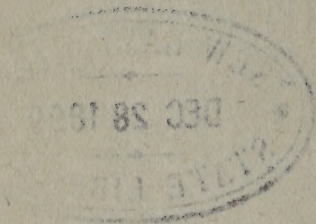
FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH FIRST, 1881,

Together with the Reports of

Overseer of the Poor and School Committee.

HILLSBOROUGH BRIDGE, N. H.
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REPORT.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Alvin Tubbs, Treasurer, in account with the town of Deering, March 1, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Balance of last year's settlement.....	\$374 57
Assessment for the year 1880.....	5154 97
Received of Matthew Forsaith, selectman.....	1650 00
“ Savings bank tax.....	243 00
“ Literary fund.....	51 43
“ J. F. Locke, collector—interest.....	18 00
Assessment of school-house tax district No. 1.....	131 09
Total receipts.....	<u>\$7623 06</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Paid school orders as follows:—

District No.	1. Sarah A. Gove.....	\$135 25
	2. Charles F. Gould.....	105 65
	3. William D. Owen.....	48 16
	4. Horace B. Cressy.....	87 78
	5. Mary A. Chase.....	101 69
	6. Moses W. Bartlett.....	73 76
	7. Jamas W. Ellsworth.....	60 02
	8. Mary E. Locke.....	63 92
	9. James Ellenwood	93 30
	10. John Crough.....	27 51
	11. Jesse B. Brown.....	13 66
	10. Henniker.....	3 37

Total.....	<u>\$814 07</u>
Paid County tax.....	526 38
State tax.....	552 00
	<u>\$1078 38</u>
Paid non-resident highway receipts.....	29 49

Paid S. B. Brown, abatement, 1879.....	\$12 14
L. White, overtax for 1880.....	4 00
A. J. Reed, " "	6 65
A. Tubbs, services as treasurer.....	25 00
J. G. Morrill, services on Locke suit.....	4 50
" expenses "	8 10
D. A. Travis, repairing Sodam hill and breaking roads.....	15 10
Almon. Putney, repairing school house in district No. 1.....	75 00
Henry Chandler, preaching funeral sermon of Samuel Travis.....	1 00
J. F. Locke, expenses of paying state and county tax.....	6 00
Carlos A. Abbott, note.....	233 51
Alvin Tubbs, services town clerk.....	15 00
Josiah Bartlett, damage to sheep by dogs.....	3 00
R. Clement, repairing highway.....	4 07
E. J. Duncan's note.....	275 69
J. F. Locke, collecting taxes, 1879.....	45 00
Matthew Forsaith, services as selectman, 1880	62 00
W. Forsaith, 2d, watering trough.....	3 00
John L. Ellsworth, repairing culvert.....	50
William Owen, watering trough.....	2 00
W. Forsaith, 2d, repairing highway.....	5 00
M. Forsaith, expenses to Manchester.....	1 70
Charles Shephard's note.....	1036 66
H. B. Cressy, repairing bridges.....	5 65
R. P. Cressy, services as selectman.....	41 25
J. S. Ellenwood " "	66 30
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	\$4387 24

BREAKING ROAD ORDERS.

Paid D. C. Peaslee.....	\$4 27
George W. Dickey.....	1 50
H. Stevens.....	4 25

Paid	N. Cunningham.....	\$1 90
	W. H. Gilmore.....	2 18
	N. Cunningham, 1878.....	74
	G. E. Brown.....	4 82
	W. A. Gregg.....	2 70
	L. W. Goodale.....	6 15
	J. W. Loveren.....	1 50
	L. Buxton.....	1 75
	Estate R. T. Dustan.....	3 33
	F. P. Boynton.....	4 35
	Edmund Wood.....	5 70
	Isaac Smith.....	9 45
	Wm. McNeil.....	1 65
	S. S. Clement and sons.....	60
	Benson Bowles.....	90
	James W. Ellsworth.....	2 10
	A. Crosby.....	5 10
	G. W. Gove.....	4 05
	A. Putney.....	3 67
	George Downing.....	1 62
	A. Hadlock.....	7 15
	George A. Pike.....	2 87
	F. D. Gould.....	2 01
	A. J. Locke.....	3 45
	Levi W. Goodale.....	2 95
	G. W. Dickey.....	2 20
	G. W. Dickey.....	3 50
	E. P. Crosby.....	3 80
	H. H. Whitaker.....	4 47
	E. Goodale.....	8 75
	".....	7 75
	Edmund Wood.....	10 50
	M. W. Bartlett.....	2 30
	J. G. Morrill.....	9 20
	Frank B. Gilmore.....	6 25
	M. W. Bartlett.....	1 10
	L. T. Buxton.....	7 20
	A. H. Strum.....	7 95

Paid	J. S. Crane.....	\$2 30
	G. W. Bartlett, and sons.....	4 44
	E. H. Bartlett.....	3 45
	Frank B. Ellenwood.....	1 15
	G. F. Ellsworth.....	1 95
	O. N. Ellsworth.....	7 90
	A. Crosby.....	7 55
	E. Peaslee.....	14 17
	Wm. Forsaith, 2d.....	7 00
	Wm. Crane.....	8 00
	F. W. Russell.....	1 55
	J. W. Loveren.....	9 80
	Matthew Forsaith.....	9 00
	S. M. Patten.....	1 00
	G. & C. B. Danforth.....	18 57
	H. Stevens.....	5 10
	J. F. Gleason.....	4 10
	E. Waldron.....	2 50
	William D. Owen.....	1 85
	William Roach.....	4 90
	H. B. Cressy.....	7 35
	D. F. Wilson.....	7 50
	G. Parker and son.....	9 40
Total.....		<hr/> \$308 21

POOR ORDERS.

Paid	F. F. Fulton, for boarding Emily Mills from Dec. 30, 1879, to January 1, 1881.....	\$130 35
	Clothing for Emily Mills.....	3 90
	R. J. Bingham, for moving Mrs. Morse	5 75
	“ “ services as overseer of poor	12 40
Total.....		<hr/> \$152 40

OUTSTANDING NOTES

Against the town for the year ending March 1, 1881:—

J. G. Morrill.....	\$3 34
Mary E. Little.....	119 70
Cynthia Kentfield.....	11 34
Abbie J. Abbott.....	277 50
Milton McCoy.....	1295 81
Elwin B. Nichols.....	220 12
Jonathan G. Morrill.....	215 73
Cleora A. Morrill.....	862 84
Betsey Chase.....	646 71
George Downing.....	429 38
Sarah Fulton.....	26 93
Maria C. Mitchel.....	161 67
Jonathan G. Morrill.....	160 53
Betsey Chase.....	213 88
Nancy Forsaith.....	934 32
Jonathan G. Morrill.....	853 88
Mary Dunlap.....	1061 25
Cleora Morrill.....	106 14
James T. Forsaith.....	739 99
Elmina W. Clough.....	36 70
George Downing.....	208 68
Delia A. Little.....	147 35
Susie M. Forsaith.....	311 40
George Downing.....	259 16
Eliza A. Hadlock.....	232 11
Jubal H. Eaton.....	516 87
George Downing.....	101 40
Mary E. Appleton.....	1559 05
Andrew J. Reed.....	214 46
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Total.....	\$11,927 74

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts of Treasurer.....		\$7623 06
Paid town Orders.....	\$4387 24	
school orders.....	814 07	
state and county tax.....	1078 38	
non-resident highway.....	29 49	
poor orders.....	152 40	
breaking road orders.....	308 21	
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Total payments.....	\$6769 79	
Due from collector.....	324 57	
Cash on hand.....	397 61	
Due from James F. Locke, collector, money assessed in district No. 1, in October, 1880.....	131 09	
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	\$853 27	\$7623 06
Outstanding notes against the town.....	\$11,927 74	
Estimated unsettled accounts by selectmen.....	50 00	
Amount due from treasurer and collector.....	853 27	
Amount of town debt.....	11,124 47	

We the undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, find them duly vouched and correctly cast.

BENJ. L. BARTLETT,	} Auditors.
W. F. WHITAKER.	
HARRISON C. FERRY,	

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR,
ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

Received from Town Treasury.....	\$133 85
Paid F. F. Fulton, for boarding Emily Mills from Jan. 1, '80, to Jan. 1, '81	\$130 00
clothing for Emily Mills.....	3 85
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	\$133 85

Received from County Treasurer.....		\$216 93
Paid Herron Family.....	\$113 82	
Mrs. Harriett Morse.....	26 49	
Susan Bean.....	59 50	
burying Stinson.....	8 00	
David Maltise.....	9 12	
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		\$216 93

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. BINGHAM, Overseer of Poor.

Deering, March 1, 1881.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In presenting the following brief statement of the condition of our Public Schools for the past year, it is gratifying to be able to report that, though they have not come up to such a degree of excellence as would be desirable and to which it is hoped they will attain in the near future, still the cause of public education has taken no backward march.

Forty per cent. more money has been raised and expended for the support of our public schools than required by law, and while they have thereby been greatly lengthened and improved the money has seemed to be wasted only in those districts where there has been a lack of sufficient scholars to make a school generally interesting. While line upon line has been written without effect and might be repeated here in favor of lessening the number of our schools and increasing their size and means, would it not be well instead of raising large sums of money to be expended on schools varying in size from one to six scholars to follow the example of several neighboring towns, of raising a small sum of money towards providing one or more select schools open to all the scholars in town of a certain age or qualifications?

Some means should be provided for furnishing our teachers and scholars with all needed text-books at fair rates for it will be apparent to every one who investigates the subject that while competition compels the trade to sell sugar, flour, meal, &c., at only a minimum profit they are enabled to sell school books at a profit varying from twenty-five to seventy-five per cent. To illustrate: Harpers School Geography, can be sold

in this town as low or lower than one dollar and ten cents per copy, without loss to the seller, while it is sold by the trade at a price varying from one dollar and fifty to one dollar and seventy-five cents, or at a greater profit than is made on a barrel of flour of eight times its cost. Of the estimated six hundred dollars worth of text-books, required in the schools of this town, it is fair to presume that one third their cost went directly into the hands of agents and speculators. If our town needs a Wolf Hill Grange to save the laboring farmers from being eaten up with too great profit on spices and calicos, is there not some organization needed to prevent his pockets from too rapid depletion in the purchase of primmers necessary for the education of his children. While it is hoped that the following individual and statistical reports may be found mainly accurate and satisfactory, our thanks are due the many parents and friends who by kind words and cheerful countenances have made our school visits so pleasant and interesting.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer term, taught by Miss Flora M. Brown, of Hillsborough Bridge, a teacher of experience and well known in most of our schools. She is not a noisy teacher, but with a quietness and carefulness of demeanor, performs her daily duties, making the road to knowledge easy and pleasant for her scholars. It seemed to us that Miss Brown never did better work; scholars well interested and progress satisfactory. It is pleasant to chronicle the fact that since the close of the summer term this district has thoroughly repaired their house and are now ready to show one of the pleasantest school-rooms in town, supplied with seats and desks of the most approved pattern for convenience and durability.

Winter term, taught by Miss Sarah A. Gove, commenced late in the season in consequence of the before mentioned repairs and suffered somewhat from inclement weather and sickness among the scholars. Miss Gove has had much experience in this and the adjoining district, is well known by parents and scholars and enjoys to a good extent the confidence

of the former and the love and respect of the latter. She is too conscientious to allow anything to go half done that can be well done, and the register of this district and that of No. 7 were as neatly and correctly filled as any that have been returned.

Miss Sarah A. Gove, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer term, taught by Miss Emma H. Colburn, of Francestown, a lady quite young and necessarily inexperienced in teaching, but in a small primary school of this character there seemed no just ground for alarm as to the result. A little outside unpleasantness injured the school somewhat, but during our several visits we did not notice those points of failure to which our attention had been called. Miss Colburn exhibited a calmness and self-possession hardly to be expected, and has the satisfaction of knowing that most of the parents and scholars well appreciated her labors.

Winter term taught by J. Willard Newman, of Hillsborough Bridge, an experienced teacher and well qualified for his position. The scholars, though few in number, were unusually prompt in attendance. Five out of eight, the whole number, were not absent or tardy. The best of feeling existed between teacher and scholars, and while everything indicated that a general good time had been enjoyed, an hour at the closing examination satisfied us that good improvement had been made and that the money had been well expended.

Charles F. Gould, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer term, under the instruction of Miss Carlotta A. Cleaves, of Hillsborough Bridge, the youngest of our teachers, but well booked up for one of her age and possessed of a good amount of common sense. The school was quite short, and at our closing visit did not come quite up to our first anticipations, though it was felt that much of its failure to make a good appearance was due to Miss Cleaves' inexperience in

showing off her work to good advantage. Experience, with her natural energy of character, will doubtless enable her to do good work in the cause of education.

Winter term was taught by Miss Lilla M. Felch, of Sunapee, and visited near the the beginning of the term, was thought to be in excellent condition, Miss Felch evidently having the disposition and ability to teach a good school. It is regretted that it was not visited a second time in consequence of closing abruptly before the money was quite expended, the teacher being called away by the sickness of her mother. Parents and scholars unite however in giving the school a good report and the register shows the attendance to have been unusually good, the names of more than half the scholars appearing on the roll of honor in consequence of not having been absent or tardy. A large number of scholars are deserving of special mention for their perfect lessons in spelling and general good deportment.

William D. Owen, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer and Winter terms of school exceedingly small and primary in character, under the instruction of Mrs. Martha A. Cressy, of this district, who in by-gone days has had considerable experience in managing schools more or less difficult. Quietness and diligence characterized the school at our several visits, resulting in fair progress and general satisfaction.

Horace B. Cressy, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Perfection exists only in the imagination, but the summer term in this district came well up to our ideas of a good school. The teacher, Miss Elizabeth T. Larkin, is one of many years experience, thoroughly alive to the best interests of the children whom she loves and is ever ready to cheer and encourage. She is one of the most thorough, energetic and systematic of teachers. With correct ideas of government founded on the principles of love and good will, she needs no

ferrules or birch rods to enforce her mandates and lead captive the most wayward and unruly. Rarely is it our good fortune to see a class of scholars come into line with more precision or evident desire to do their very best. It is much regretted that ill health compels Miss Larkin to leave the school-room where she seems so peculiarly well adapted, but that she may be able to labor elsewhere in the cause of education and have the best success in all laudable undertakings, is the earnest desire of her many friends.

Winter term was taught by Dennis R. Chase, of this district, and the old adage that a prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, may be applicable in his case. Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed at his being employed to teach the school and the result showed what we feared, that he would not be able to hold an interest in the school especially during the cold, rough weather of December and January. Time is money. One half the money was wasted in non-attendance, and though it is not doubted but that Mr. Chase labored earnestly, we have never met a teacher that was able to teach a really good school who did not command in a good degree the confidence of parents and the respect of scholars.

Mrs. Mary A. Chase, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 6.

One term of school under the instruction of Miss Mary S. Ellenwood, of West Deering, and composed, with one exception, of scholars from district No. 5. A majority of these scholars and those attending most regularly were away at our closing visit, attending school in their own district. It is presumed from what was seen and heard that fair progress was made and general satisfaction given.

Willie M. Bartlett, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 7.

One term, taught by Miss Ellen J. Brickett, of Hillsborough Bridge, who has taught our Academy so acceptable and successfully for the past two terms. She is a general favorite

with "our folks," a graduate of Oberlin College, and a modern teacher, who evidently believes in the doctrine of the old farmer, that a team will work better to say come than go. She leads her scholars and governs them, though they realize little the power that restrains them. The school passed a good examination, the pupils evidently having a clear and definite idea of what they had been over, and we regard our scholars as very fortunate who are able to enjoy her instruction.

James W. Ellsworth, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer term was under the instruction of Miss Emma McCoy, of Francestown, a young lady inexperienced in teaching but possessing rare natural abilities for instructing and interesting a class of small scholars. She labored earnestly, evincing much love and enthusiasm for her work, and experience will make her one of our best teachers; but if we wanted to criticise her first effort it might be suggested that a little stricter discipline, a less familiar style of asking and answering questions would be desirable in a larger and more difficult school.

Winter term taught by Miss Adah Belle Cochran, of Walpole, and found at each of our visits in good working condition. The school was very small but Miss Cochran is a teacher of considerable experience and good progress appeared to have been made.

Mrs. Mary E. Locke, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer term under the instruction of Miss Angie I Marcy, of Hillsborough Bridge, presented a good appearance at each of our visits. Miss Marcy is a wide-awake young teacher of limited experience who aims to do well and promptly whatever she undertakes. The scholars were quiet and orderly, manifesting a good degree of interest in their recitations and received much credit from their teacher for their excellent deportment.

Winter term, of fourteen weeks, taught by Fred E. Farnum, of Francestown, had its average and daily attendance some-

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what lowered in consequence of sickness and cold weather, but Mr. Farnum is industrious and painstaking, and by kindness and even deportment secures the good will and co-operation of his scholars and thus is able to make a fair show of improvement, his scholars passing a good review of their winter's work.

James S. Ellenwood, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 10

One term, taught by Miss Julia A. Crough, of this district, and hardly had it commenced before one family of scholars were withdrawn and sent into the adjoining district. Miss Crough is a worthy young lady, of fair abilities, to say the least, and was very desirous that her pupils make as much progress as possible. The examination showed that her labors had not been misapplied, the several small scholars reciting in a manner that reflected much credit upon themselves and teacher.

John Crough, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 11.

A short and pleasant school under the instruction of the same teacher as last term, Miss Ada H. Buxton, of Hillsborough Bridge, who though young is well qualified and becoming known as a most thorough and successful "school-marm." In teaching she is earnest and practical; in government, modern and strong. Work was the programme and with as much desire to benefit and improve, as to carry away the district's money. Good progress was made. Secure her services again.

Jesse Brown, Prudential Committee.

BENJAMIN L. BARTLETT.

S. S. Committee.

Deering, N. H., March 1, 1881

STATISTICAL REPORT.

District No.		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Length of school in weeks of five days.....	Summer.	10	8	6	8	8	10	9	8	9	9	5
	Winter.	9	9	10	10	11½			8½	14	14	7
Whole number of different scholars.....	Summer.	11	9	14	7	21	8		8	17	6	7
	Winter.	13	8	18	5	23		10	5	16		
Average daily attendance of scholars.....	Summer.	10	8	12	5	18	5		7	14	4	6
	Winter.	9	7	17	4	12		8	4	11		
Percentage of attendance.....	Summer.	.95	.92	.80	.75	.92	.83		.98	.80	.99	.93
	Winter.	.80	.94	.95	.80	.81		.91	.84	.72		
Wages of teachers per month including board.....	Summer.	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$14.00	\$19.00	\$20.00	\$18.00	\$27.00	\$12.00	\$18.00	\$14.00	\$13.00
	Winter.	23.00	28.00	20.60	19.00	20.00			20.00	24.00		
Number of scholars not absent.....	Summer.	3	4	11	2	8		2	7	4	2	3
	Winter.	1	5	10	1	1		2	3	2		
Whole number different scholars four years of age and upwards attending school not less than two weeks.....	Boys.	1	4	7	2	15	1	6	6	13	5	1
Amount of money appropriated to each scholar.....	Girls.	6	7	12	3	10	1	4	3	12	1	3
Amount of money contributed by districts in board and fuel to prolong the school.....		\$10.40	\$9.60	\$4.11	\$17.55	\$4.06	\$36.37	\$6.00	\$7.10	\$5.57	\$4.58	\$3.41

No. of scholars under six years of age.....	13	No. of scholars attending to penmanship.....	73
No. of scholars over sixteen years of age.....	21	“ “	

BENJAMIN L. BARTLETT, School Committee.

